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### **VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY**

Mr. Charles Terreni Chief Clerk of the Commission South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210 (803) 896-5100

Re:

New Dimension Communications, Inc. d/b/a Fast Phones

Docket No. 2008-314-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed please find for filing an original and fifteen (15) copies of the New Dimension Communications, Inc. d/b/a Fast Phones' revised tariff pages 3, 20, 24, 25, 25.1. 25.2. 25.3. 25.4. 25.5 and 25.6 reflecting various rate changes and new lifeline/linkup language.

I have enclosed an extra copy of this letter to be date-stamped and returned to me in the self-addressed, postage prepaid envelope I have provided.

If you have any questions or if I may provide you with any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted.

Angela Janssen/

Legal Assistant to Lance J.M. Steinhart

Attorney for New Dimension Communications, Inc. d/b/a Fast Phones

Enclosures

cc:

Wayne Green (w/enc)

## **CHECK SHEET**

The Sheets of this tariff are effective as of the date shown at the bottom of the respective sheets. Original and revised sheets as named below comprise all changes from the original tariff and are currently in effect as of the date on the bottom of this sheet.

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3.1.2 The rates for local service and custom calling services are outlined below:

# Local Phone Service BellSouth Markets Monthly Charges

### Rate schedule 4.B

Monthly Charges			Marriman Dat	_
Monthly Access Fee	(Non-Lifeline Customers)	\$59.95	Maximum Rate \$65.00	_
Monthly Access Nee	(Lifeline Customers)	\$46.45	\$50.00	(T) (T)
Business Plan	(Non-Lifeline Customers)	\$59.95	\$65.00	(T)
	(Lifeline Customers)	\$46.45	\$50.00	(T)
Platinum Plan	(Non-Lifeline Customers)	\$43.99	\$50.00	(T)
	(Lifeline Customers)	\$30.49	\$40.00	(T)
Gold Plan	(Non-Lifeline Customers)	\$39.99	\$45.00	(T)
	(Lifeline Customers)	\$26.49	\$30.00	(T)
Silver Plan	(Non-Lifeline Customers)	\$32.99	\$40.00	(T)
	(Lifeline Customers)	\$19.49	\$20.00	(T)
Prompt Pay Plan	(Non-Lifeline Customers)	\$43.50	\$50.00	(T)
	(Lifeline Customers)	\$30.00	\$40.00	(T)
Custom Calling Fea	atures (Monthly)			
Call Forwarding		\$ 5.00	\$10.00	
Call Waiting		\$ 5.00	\$10.00	
Three-Way Calling		\$ 5.00	\$10.00	
Non-published Num	ber	\$ 5.00	\$10.00	
Speed Dialing		\$ 5.00	\$10.00	
Call Return		\$ 8.00	\$16.00	
Caller ID		\$10.00	\$15.00	
Local Optional Servi	\$20.00	\$15.00		
Inside Wiring	\$ 4.99	\$10.00		
Non-published and I	\$ 7.00	\$14.00	(B.T)	
Toll Block Service Initiation Charges	_	\$ 5.12	\$10.00	(N)
Connection Fee	\$60.00	\$70.00	(T)	
Transfer		\$60.00	\$70.00	(I)
Number Change		\$30.00	\$40.00	(1)
Calling Feature		\$15.00	\$30.00	
Change Order Charg	re .	\$15.00	\$30.00	
Processing Fee	,	\$30.00	\$40.00	
Toll Block		\$ 8.52	\$17.00	(N)
<b>Directory Assistance</b>				
	Local:	\$1.00	\$1.50	
	National:	\$1.75	\$3.00	

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### 3.1.9 Lifeline

#### General

- (A) The Lifeline program is designed to increase the availability of telecommunications services to low income subscribers by providing a credit to monthly recurring local service for qualifying residential subscribers. Basic terms and conditions are in compliance with the FCC's Order on Universal Service in CC Docket No. 97-157, which adopts the Federal-State Joint Board's recommendation in CC Docket No. 96-45, which complies with the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- (B) Lifeline is supported by the federal universal service support mechanism.
- (C) Federal baseline support of eight dollars and twenty-five cents (\$8.25) is available for each Lifeline service and is passed through to the subscriber. An additional three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) credit is provided by the Company. Supplemental federal support of one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75), matching one half of the Company contribution, will also be passed along to the Lifeline subscriber. The total Lifeline credit available to an eligible customer is thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50). The amount of credit will not exceed the charge for local service, which includes the access line, the Subscriber Line Charge and local usage.
- (D) Designated Services Available To Lifeline Customers:
  - (1) Single Party Service
  - (2) Local Usage
  - (3) Touch Tone Services
  - (4) Voice Grade Access to the Public Switched Network
  - (5) Access to Emergency Services
  - (6) Access to Operator Services
  - (7) Access to Interexchange Services
  - (8) Access to Directory Assistance
  - (9) Toll Limitation Service at No Charge

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# 3.1.9 Lifeline

Regulations

### (A) General

- (1) Customers eligible under the Lifeline program are also eligible for connection assistance under the Link-Up program.
- (2) One low income credit is available per household and is applicable to the primary residential connection only. The named subscriber must be a current recipient of any of the low income assistance programs identified below.
- (3) A Lifeline customer may subscribe to any local service offering available to other residential customers. Since the Lifeline credit is applicable to the primary residential connection only, it may not be applied to multiple lines in a package for local service.
- (4) Toll blocking, if elected, will be provided at no charge to the Lifeline subscriber.

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### 3.1.9 Lifeline

Regulations (Cont'd)

- (A) General (Cont'd)
  - (5) No deposit will be required of a Lifeline customer who subscribes to toll blocking. If a Lifeline customer removes toll blocking prior to establishing an acceptable credit history, a deposit may be required. When applicable, advance payments will not exceed the connection and local service charges for one month.
  - (6) The Federal Universal Service Charge will not be billed to Lifeline customers.
  - (7) Lifeline subscriber's local service will not be disconnected for non- payment of regulated toll charges. Local service may be denied for non-payment of local calls. Access to toll service may be denied for non-payment of regulated tolls.
  - (8) At no time shall a customer's Lifeline rate go below zero.

Eligibility

(A) Customers are eligible if they participate in at least one of the following programs:

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
Medicaid

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Net household income at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

Additionally, a customer with total gross annual income that does not exceed 125% of the federal poverty income guidelines may apply directly to the South Carolina Public Service Commission for Lifeline eligibility certification.

(B) All applications for service are subject to verification with the state agency responsible for administration of the qualifying program.

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#### 3.1.9 Lifeline

### Certification

- (A) Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low income assistance programs should be provided to the Company at the time of application for services; or eligible Lifeline subscribers may enroll in the Lifeline program by signing a document certifying under penalty of perjury that the customer participates in one of the Lifeline eligible programs and identifying the qualifying program. When eligibility documentation is provided subsequent to installation, the Lifeline credit will be provided on a going forward basis.
- (B) The Company reserves the right to periodically audit its records, working in conjunction with the appropriate state agencies, for the purpose of determining continuing eligibility. Information obtained during such audit will be treated as confidential information to the extent required under State and Federal laws. The use or disclosure of information concerning enrollees will be limited to purposes directly connected with the administration of the Lifeline plan.
- (C) When a customer is determined to be ineligible as a result of an audit, the Company will contact the customer. If the customer cannot provide eligibility documentation within 60 calendar days, the Lifeline credit will be discontinued.

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### 3.1.9 Lifeline

#### General

- (A) Lifeline is provided as a monthly credit on the eligible residential subscriber's access line bill for local service.
- (B) Service Charges are applicable for installing or changing Lifeline service.
- (C) Link-Up connection assistance may be available for installing or relocating Lifeline service.
- (D) The Service Change Charge is not applicable when existing service is converted intact to Lifeline.
- (E) The total Lifeline credit consists of one federal credit plus one (1) Company credit
  - (1) Federal credit

Monthly Credit

All programs, one per Lifeline service \$10.00

(2) Company credit

All programs, one per Lifeline service \$ 3.50

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## 3.1.10 Link-Up Program

#### General

- (A) Link-Up is a program designed to increase the availability of telecommunications services to low income subscribers by providing a credit to the non-recurring installation and service charges to qualifying residential subscribers. Basic terms and conditions are in compliance with the FCC's Order on Universal Service in CC Docket 97-157, which adopts the Federal-State Joint Board's recommendation in CC Docket 96-45, which complies with the Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- (B) Link-Up is supported by the federal universal service support mechanism.
- (C) A federal credit amount of fifty percent (50%) of the non-recurring charges for connection of service, up to a maximum of thirty dollars (\$30.00), is available to be passed through to the subscriber.

## Regulations

- (A) General
  - (1) Customers eligible under Link-Up are also eligible for monthly recurring assistance under the Lifeline program.
  - (2) Link-Up connection assistance is available per household and is applicable to the primary residential connection only.
  - (3) The Link-Up credit is available each time the customer installs or relocates the primary residential service.
  - (4) To receive the credit, proof of eligibility must be provided within 30 days after installation of service.
  - (5) The total tariffed charges for connecting service, including service and other installation charges, are considered in the credit calculation.

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# 3.1.10 Link-Up Program

# (B) Eligibility

(1) To be eligible for a Link-Up credit, a customer must be a current recipient of any one of the low income assistance programs set forth below:

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
Medicaid

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Net household income at or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines

Additionally, a customer with total gross annual income that does not exceed 125% of the federal poverty income guidelines may apply directly to the South Carolina Public Service Commission for Link-Up eligibility certification.

(2) All applications for service are subject to verification with the state agency responsible for administration of the qualifying program.

# (C) Certification

- (1) Proof of eligibility in any of the qualifying low income assistance programs should be provided to the Company at the time of application for services; or eligible Lifeline subscribers may enroll in the Link-Up program by signing a document certifying under penalty of perjury that the customer participates in one of the Link-Up eligible programs and identifying the qualifying program. When eligibility documentation is provided subsequent to installation, the Link-Up feline credit will be provided on a going forward basis.
- (2) The use or disclosure of information concerning enrollees will be limited to purposes directly connected with the administration of the Link-Up plan.

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# 3.1.10 Link-Up Program

Rates and Charges

(A) The federal credit available for a Link-Up connection is thirty dollars (\$30.00) maximum or fifty percent (50%) of the installation and service charges from this Tariff, whichever is less.

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